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(Based on 10/111,428)

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FOR: CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION OF :  
CROSSLINKED FINE PARTICLES  
OF POLYMER GEL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination please amend the present Divisional Application of U.S. Serial No. 10/111,428 filed on May 8, 2002, now allowed, which is a 371 of PCT/EP00/11098 filed on November 10, 2000, as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Basis for the Amendment** begins on page 6 of this paper.